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Joint Appointment, Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Boroughs of
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Rural Districts of Strood and Swale.

Deputy Port Medical Officer and Deputy Medical Referee to the
Medway Crematorium.

Chief Public Health Inspector

T. BARLEY, M.A.P.H.I.
Joint Appointment with Borough of Chatham.

Senior Public Health Inspector

R.S. LANE, D.M.A., M.A.P.H.I.

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V.P.T. TROUGHT, M.B.E., R.C.V.S.

Chief Clerk

Mrs. M.D.E. WEST
(commenced 1.1.71)

Clerks

(Establishment 3)

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Miss B. DOGGETT
Miss H.E. DOWSETT (Appointed 31.8.71)

Rodent Officer

J.P. HARTLAND, M.B.E.

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P. WYLES (Rodent Operative)
D. LATHAM (Appointed 25.1.71)

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TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE CITY OF ROCHESTER.

YOUR WORSHIP, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I present my Annual Report on the health of the City for 1971.

The Annual Report follows the usual form and contains observations on the work of the department over the past year as well as comments on statistical details contained within the body of the report.

The County Council is responsible for the provision of the personal health services in the area under the 1946 National Health Service Act, while the City Council has the power to promote environmental health, the control of infectious disease and the administration of the 1955 Food and Drugs Act as its main responsibility. The Environment in which we live has been under assault for many centuries but at last the hazards are being recognised and in some cases legislation to bring about control has been effective. The policy of smoke control resulting from the Clean Air Act, 1956 is an example which easily comes to mind but more insidious pollutants from oil and natural gas as well as the combustion of lead enriched petrol in increasing amounts bring new problems for solution.

Noise as an environmental threat to this area from the new airport planned at Foulness must await the next decade for a true assessment - the experts now predict that this part of Kent will constitute one of the flight path areas. Complaints relating to noise nuisance at a local level can usually be resolved, but airport noise is a national responsibility.

Certain industrial processes have created environmental hazard in some parts of our country but apart from complaints of grit deposit and fume emission the public seldom have cause to complain in this district. Problems of this nature are discussed with H.M. Alkali Inspectorate whose expert knowledge we value.

STATISTICS

Population
55,700

The Registrar General's mid-year estimate was 530 less than the previous year's figure but the City remains an area of slow population growth as can be seen by reference to 1961 when the figure was 50,160 and 1951 with a total of 43,899.

Total Live Births
1,049

The total number of live births was 7 less than the previous year's figure.

Birth Rate
18.2 per 1,000 population

The corrected birth rate per 1,000 of the population maintained the usual pattern of previous years being in excess of the national figure of 16 per 1,000 population. Over the past 8 years the national rate has fallen steadily from 18.2 in 1963, the local rate in that year being 18.27.

Illegitimate Births
80

This figure was an increase of 10 from the total in the previous year.

As a percentage of the total births it gave a figure of 7.6 being just below the national figure of 8 per cent.

Two illegitimate children died during the first year of life.

The total illegitimate births per year in the City over the past 10 years are as follows:-

1961	=	38	1966	=	49
1962	=	55	1967	=	83
1963	=	50	1968	=	79
1964	=	64	1969	=	65
1965	=	58	1970	=	70

These figures reveal a disturbing trend when reviewed against the background of increasing knowledge and facilities for birth control and the operation of the Abortion Act.

Total Still Births 16	The still birth rate worked out at 15.0 per 1,000 total births (live and still) and compared unfavourably with the national figure of 12.0.
Infant Mortality Total Deaths under 1 year 16	The infant mortality rate was 15.0 per 1,000 live births being less than the national rate of 18.0 per 1,000 live births. Included in the total deaths of infants under 1 year were 9 who died within the first month of life.
Perinatal Mortality 25	This figure combines the total still births with the early neo-natal deaths and is looked upon as the most informative of the infant mortality statistics, being indicative of the hazard to infant survival from parturition and genetic influence. The rate is calculated on the total births (live and still) 1,065, and provided a figure of 23 which was in keeping with the national rate of 22.
Maternal Mortality 1	It is necessary to go back to 1962 to find a death recorded as associated with childbirth. In this case there was delay in the second stage of labour followed by Caesarian Section and renal failure supervened.
Death Rate Total Deaths 545	Using the comparability factor the death rate per 1,000 population was 10.7 being slightly less than the national figure of 11.6. The main causes of death followed the usual pattern <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 53.6% of total deaths were due to degenerative diseases of the Circulatory System. (b) 20.9% of the total deaths were due to Cancer (all forms). Included in this group were 21 male and 10 female due to lung cancer. (c) 11.7% of the total deaths were due to diseases of the respiratory system, apart from cancer and tuberculosis.

VIOLENT DEATHS

	MALE	FEMALE
Accidents (Motor)	5	1
All other accidents	3	-
Suicide	-	-

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Measles	<p>Notifications received numbered 73 with a peak incidence of 26 cases in July.</p> <p>Measles vaccination is now firmly established as a routine measure for the preventive inoculation programme, but it is obvious that parents require to be reminded that measles can still cause serious complications in infancy.</p>
Whooping Cough	<p>There were 25 notifications of this disease with peak incidence of 10 in May.</p> <p>Might it not be that some of these children could have been spared a distressing illness by protective inoculation.</p>
Infective Jaundice	There were 12 notifications and 5 were admitted to hospital.
Typhoid Fever	There was one notification - the individual involved was a boy aged 4 years who fell ill at the end of a three month holiday in Spain being diagnosed after investigation in this country.
Encephalitis	There was one notification of infective illness in a child aged 2½ years.
Meningitis	One infant aged 1 year died in hospital at the septicaemic stage of the illness. At post mortem there was haemorrhagic necrosis of the suprarenal glands.

Tuberculosis	<p>The total number remaining on the register at the end of the period under review was 132 being 9 less than the total at the same time on the year previous.</p> <p>There was one death attributable to tuberculosis in a person over 65 years of age while 4 persons on the tuberculosis register died from causes other than tuberculosis.</p> <p>Over the past 10 years the number on the register of those suffering from the disease in its pulmonary form has fallen by 50%.</p>
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Housing	<p>Individual Orders were placed on one complete house and two houses in part i.e. basements used for human habitation.</p> <p>Clearance Areas. - There were no clearance areas represented during the year.</p> <p>A considerable effort is now being made by the Public Health Inspectorate to interest individuals in improving their properties by installation of essential amenities as is shown by a threefold increase in improvement grants by the Council over the year under review.</p>
Food Hygiene (Food and Drugs Act, 1955)	<p>The Public Health Inspectors made 2,809 visits to various premises, mobile shops and market stalls where food was produced or displayed for sale to the public.</p> <p>Persuasion and example can usually achieve improvement in hygienic practice where necessary, and co operation from the public is always welcome.</p> <p>Legal proceedings were authorised in connection with one complaint.</p>
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	<p>Routine visiting under the powers and duties contained within the Act was maintained and 426 inspections were recorded.</p> <p>At the end of the year the total number of registered premises in the City amounted to 460 and 62 new premises were registered for the first time, mainly retail shops.</p> <p>Accidents - a total of 5 were reported by management and investigated by the District Public Health Inspectors. No negligence on the part of the employer was recorded.</p>
Rodent Control	<p>This service operated efficiently throughout the year and a total of 1,371 properties were inspected and 476 infestations were treated.</p> <p>Routine sewer baiting for rat infestation was discontinued on the advice of the Ministry owing to minimal uptake of bait in previous years.</p>
Clean Air Act, 1956	<p>Smoke Control Orders suspended during the winter of 1970/71 again became operative during May, 1971 and in addition No. 5 Smoke Control Order operated from 1st October this year. The policy decision referred to last year continued and there was no extension of the Smoke Control Area programme.</p>

STAFF

Deputy Medical Officer of Health	<p>Dr. B.H. Gooch commenced duty on 1st April, 1971 his services being shared with seven adjoining authorities.</p>
Clerical	<p>Miss V.F.M. Jenkins retired on 3.1.1971 having served as Chief Clerk in the Department for some 26 years. Her retirement was marked by an official presentation by the City Council, and her colleagues from all departments of the Council and also former staff of the department who had served with her held their own private ceremony. Her knowledge of the area was encyclopaedic while her dedication to duty and high standard of efficiency were recognised by all who worked with her down the years. Mrs. M.D.E. West was promoted to fill the vacancy from within the department staff and Miss H.E. Dowsett was recruited to the establishment.</p>

Public Health Inspectors

The establishment remained unchanged and no pupil Public Health Inspectors were recruited to commence training.

CONCLUSION

This year the task of preparing the detail contained within the report was undertaken by the Chief Clerk, Mrs. M.D.E. West, who brings interest and dedication to her work.

The County Medical Officer made available statistics relating to vaccination and immunisation, and to him and other Chief Officials who have provided information for this report, I am duly grateful.

Furthermore I remain, as always, appreciative of the support and interest shown in the work of the Department by the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

I have the honour to be,
YOUR WORSHIP, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
L.F. McWILLIAMS,
Medical Officer of Health.

A. STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

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The Registrar General's Table of Causes of Death is shown on page 17.

Comparability Factors	0.97 Births	1.09 Deaths
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The following Table shows a comparison between this district and England and Wales.

							LIVE BIRTH RATE			DEATHS UNDER 1
							Per 1,000			YEAR PER 1,000
							RESIDENT	DEATHS PER 1,000	REGISTERED LIVE	
							POPULATION	POPULATION	BIRTHS	
England and Wales	90	92	94	96	98	00	16.0	11.6	18.0	
* Rochester	92	94	96	98	00	02	18.2	10.7	15.0	

(*Crude Rates adjusted for comparability purposes).

PRINCIPAL CERTIFIABLE CAUSES OF DEATH

		PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DEATHS
Diseases of the Circulatory System including Heart Disease and Cerebral Haemorrhage	292	53.6
Cancer	114	20.9
Respiratory Diseases		
Pneumonia (all forms) 38)		
Bronchitis 22)	64	11.7
Others 4)		
Tuberculosis (all forms)	1	0.11
Deaths from all causes	545	

CAUSES OF DEATH IN CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

CAUSE	NEO-NATAL DEATHS						DEATHS OVER 4 WEEKS				
	Under 24 HOURS	Under 1 WEEK	1 - 2 WEEKS	2 - 3 WEEKS	3 - 4 WEEKS	TOTAL UNDER 4 WEEKS	1 - 3 MONTHS	4 - 6 MONTHS	7 - 9 MONTHS	10 - 12 MONTHS	TOTAL UNDER 1 YEAR
Premature Birth	3	2	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	5
Congenital Anomalies	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Birth Injury etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	4
Other Causes	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	2	-	5
TOTAL	6	3	-	-	-	9	2	3	2	-	16

INFANT AND NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATES: BIRTH & STILL BIRTH RATES 1962- 1970

Deaths of children under 1 year and under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 live births; births per 1,000 persons living:-

	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Infant Mortality Rate	14.7	18.5	16.78	22.9	10.1	22.6	13.0	14.0	18.0	15.0
Neo-Natal Death Rate per 1,000 live births	9.4	13.36	8.8	15.26	7.3	13.8	9.6	8.0	12.0	9.0
Birth Rate (Crude)	18.64	18.84	19.3	19.69	20.0	18.4	18.6	19.0	18.8	18.8
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total births (Live & Still)	15.5	22.1	17.45	19.6	9.1	12.0	19.0	10.0	16.0	15.0

MATERNAL MORTALITY 1962 - 1971

1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1

CHILD MORTALITY 1962 - 1971

(Deaths between 1 and 5 years of age)

4	3	9	4	1	6	4	4	3	4
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DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS IN WARDS

St. Margaret	69
St. Peter	135
Troy Town	38
St. Nicholas	57
Strood	.. .. .	54
Temple	.. .. .	112
Frindsbury	.. .. .	80

B. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES
IN THE AREA
MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

There are 22 Doctors in the City who are engaged in general practice.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following table shows the specimens submitted by this Authority to the Public Health Service Laboratory, Preston Hall, British Legion Village, Mr. Maidstone, for examination:

	TOTAL
Ice Cream	46
Milk Examination	107
Drinking Water Bacteriological Examinations	45
Swimming Pool Water Bacteriological Examinations	33

NURSING HOMES

There are two registered Nursing Homes, one for general cases has 33 beds: the second has 4 beds and is approved under the Abortion Act, 1967.

To the latter 270 cases were admitted during the year i.e. 27 Rochester residents and 243 from other Medway Towns.

To the general Nursing Home there were 37 admissions - 16 Rochester residents and 21 non-residents of Rochester.

These homes are visited from time to time by the Medical Officer of Health.

AGED PERSONS

It was not necessary for the local Authority to take action under the National Assistance Act, 1949/51 in respect of aged persons.

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946, are administered by the County Council and the County Medical Officer of Health for Kent has kindly supplied the following information. Any additional information required in connection with these services can be obtained from the

Area Nursing Officers Area 3,
Area Office,
K.C.C. Clinic,
Martins Square,
Larkfield,
West Malling.
Telephone: West Malling 842544.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Medway Ambulance Station, Star Mill Lane, Chatham.
Telephone: Medway 52201.

COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICES

These services (see below) are provided by the direct employment of Health Visitors, Midwives and District Nurses, a considerable number of each category being attached to general medical practices allowing them to work in close co-operation with the doctors concerned.

In those cases where nursing services staff are not attached to a practice or practices and any difficulty is experienced in obtaining their services, application should be made to the Area Nursing Officers.

HEALTH VISITING SERVICE

It is the duty of the Council to make provision for the visiting of persons in their homes by health visitors for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children, to persons suffering from illness and expectant mothers, and as to the measures necessary to prevent the spread of infection.

In general, the County health visitors are engaged on combined duties in connection with the care of mothers and young children and school health services. They are also responsible for the visitation of patients suffering from tuberculosis and a number of health visitors have been appointed for this special duty and attend the chest clinics and arrange for the examination of contacts. Visits are also made for dealing with immunisation and vaccination work.

MIDWIFERY SERVICE

The Council's primary function in the field of midwifery is still the provision of a domiciliary service with the midwives working in close conjunction with the general practitioners, but arrangements now exist with almost every maternity hospital in the County for district midwives to deliver certain of their patients in the labour ward and continue with the post-natal care following upon the patients' very early discharge home.

In general, district midwives now provide most of their ante-natal care for their patients at the surgeries of the general practitioners providing maternity medical services, but a number do hold ante-natal sessions in Council clinics where relaxation and mothercraft classes are also held.

DISTRICT NURSING SERVICE

This service is for the attendance upon persons who, although not needing hospital treatment, require the skilled attention of a trained nurse. Except in cases of accident or emergency, district nurses are only available at the request and under the instructions of the patients' medical practitioner.

CARE OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

It is the duty of the Council to provide for the care, including free dental treatment of expectant and nursing mothers, and children who have not attained the age of five years. The County Council provides child health clinics, ante-natal clinics, dental clinics and parent craft classes throughout the County (see list of clinics on page 6).

The Council has the responsibility for the distribution of welfare foods, which is made from the child health clinics. The entitlement documents are issued by the Department of Health and Social Security.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The Social Services for the City are administered by the Director of Social Services, Kent County Council, under the Social Services Act 1970. Among the services provided are mental health, after-care, domestic help, welfare, aged and handicapped supervision and day nurseries and registration of child minders.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES MATERNITY AND CHILD HEALTH

Hawthorn Road, Strood, Rochester (Medway 76595)

Monday	Child health	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursday	Child health	10 a.m. - 12 noon
	Child health	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
	Midwives	7.30 p.m. - 8.45 p.m.

St. Stephens Hall, Wallace Road, Rochester

Friday (1st, 3rd & 5th)	Child health	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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Belsey Hall, Maidstone Road, Rochester

Tuesday	Child health	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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Village Hall, Borstal, Rochester

Wednesday	Child health	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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St. Justus' Church Hall, Fairway, Rochester

Friday (2nd & 4th)	Child health	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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Youth Centre, London Road, Strood, Rochester

Tuesday	Child health	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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Wednesday	Child health	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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Elm House, New Road Avenue, Chatham

Tuesday	Child health	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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Wednesday	Ante-Natal	10 a.m. - 12 noon
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Friday	Child health	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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Health Education and Relaxation exercises are provided by appointment.

CERVICAL CYTOLOGY

For women between the age of 35 and 65 years. Details from local Child Health Clinics.

CHIROPODY

Chiropody for expectant mothers, handicapped persons and old people is by arrangement with the Clinic.

MEDICAL LOAN DEPOT

British Red Cross Society, 67 High Street, Rochester. Tel. Medway 42997	10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. 2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. Daily (except Wednesday & Saturday)
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SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

CLINICS

Hawthorn Road, Strood, Rochester.

Minor Ailments	1st & 3rd Wednesday	9-10 a.m. (Medical Officer attends during school term)
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Dental	Daily. By appointment except in emergency.
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Elm House, 15 New Road Avenue, Chatham.

Minor Ailments	2nd and 4th Monday (Medical Officer)	9.30 a.m. - 12 noon
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Dental	Daily. By appointment except in emergency.
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Elmsleigh, 118 Maidstone Road, Chatham.

Ophthalmic)
Child Guidance) By appointment
Speech Therapy)

HOSPITAL SERVICES under Part II of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

Medway and Gravesend Hospital Management Committee
Group Secretary's Office,
Medway Hospital, Gillingham. Telephone: Medway 46111/6.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL, New Road, Rochester. Telephone: Medway 41511/4.

Medical, Surgical and Paediatric.

Out-patient facilities are also available in the following specialities:
Dermatology, Neurology, Physical Medicine, Ophthalmology, Plastic Surgery,
Radiotherapy, Consultant Dentistry and Psychiatry.

ST. WILLIAM'S HOSPITAL, St. William's Way, Rochester. Telephone: Medway 44622.

Post-Operative and Radiotherapy.

MEDWAY HOSPITAL, Windmill Road, Gillingham. Telephone: Medway 46111/6.

Medical and Surgical.

Orthopaedic, Accident and Emergency Departments.
The Department of Physical Medicine for the rehabilitation of out-patients
i.e. Remedial Gymnastics, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy.

ALL SAINT'S HOSPITAL, Magpie Hall Road, Chatham. Telephone: Medway 41212/5.

Medical (Males), Surgical (Females), Ante-Natal, Maternity, Gynaecology.
Paediatric, E.N.T. Geriatric and Psychiatry and Infectious Diseases.

Out-patient clinics are also held in Dermatology and Consultant Dentistry.

There is also a Day Hospital for Geriatric Patients.

CANADA HOUSE, Barnsole Road, Gillingham. Telephone: Medway 51139.

Maternity.

KEYCOL HOSPITAL, London Road, Newington, Sittingbourne. Telephone: Newington (932) 222.

Chest Diseases and Geriatrics.

MILTON REGIS HOSPITAL, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne. Telephone: Sittingbourne (94) 3168.

Geriatric.

ST. JAMES'S HOSPITAL, Trafalgar Road, Gravesend. Telephone: Gravesend (95) 2139.

Geriatric.

CHEST CLINIC, 13 New Road, Rochester. Telephone: Medway 42182.

The Chest Physician may be consulted by appointment.
Enquiries for appointments may be made during the following times:

Mondays to Fridays: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SPECIAL CLINIC (V.D.) 36 New Road, Rochester. Telephone: Medway 43343.

Monday 1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
and on other days by appointment.

JOYCE GREEN HOSPITAL, Dartford (Dartford Hospital Management Committee).

Telephone: Dartford (ODA2) 23231

Infectious Diseases.

C. PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) 1971

DISEASE	TOTAL NOT- FIED	NUMBER OF CASES IN AGE GROUPS					AGE UN- KNOWN	No. REMOVED TO HOSPITAL	DEATHS
		0 - 4	5 - 14	15 - 44	45 - 64	65+			
Scarlet Fever	10	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	25	11	11	2	-	-	1	-	-
Measles	73	43	28	1	-	-	1	-	-
Infective Jaundice	12	2	3	5	2	-	-	5	-
Dysentery	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	5	1	1	2	-	-	1	-	-
Acute Encephalitis	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Typhoid Fever	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Meningitis	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	130	64	51	10	2	-	3	8	1

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE ACCORDING TO MONTH

DISEASE	TOTAL	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Scarlet Fever	10	1	-	5	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	25	1	-	2	-	10	7	4	-	-	1	-	-
Measles	73	3	1	2	9	10	16	26	1	2	1	1	1
Infective Jaundice	12	5	1	3	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Food Poisoning	5	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Acute Encephalitis	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Meningitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	130	12	2	12	10	22	25	32	3	2	3	3	4

The following statistics on vaccination and immunisation have been supplied by the County Medical Officer.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

(Triple or Diph./Tet.)

During the year the total number of children receiving protective inoculation against Diphtheria was:-

Under 5 years	944
5 - 15 years	12
Reinforcing dose	948

NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS ON 31.12.71 WHO HAD COMPLETED A COURSE OF IMMUNISATION AT ANY TIME BEFORE THAT DATE.

YEAR OF BIRTH	DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION			
	PRIMARY		REINFORCING	
	TRIPLE	DIPH./TET.	TRIPLE	DIPH./TET.
1971	69	-		
1970	589	18	1	1
1969	226	13	-	13
1968	18	4	19	13
1967	4	3	16	47
1964 - 65	1	2	31	82
1966	-	3	115	487
1955 - 63	4	2	72	51
Total	911	45	254	694

MEASLES VACCINATION

YEAR OF BIRTH	PRIMARY
1971	3
1970	380
1969	212
1968	78
1967	34
1964 - 65	19
1966	23
1955 - 63	8
TOTAL	757

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION

(Triple)

Number immunised during the year:-

Under 1 year	1 - 4	5 - 15	Total
69	837	5	911

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

Figures for 1971 in

AGE GROUPS

YEAR OF BIRTH	PRIMARY	REINFORCING
1971	74	-
1970	620	-
1969	219	-
1968	35	-
1967	13	50
1964 - 65	-	133
1966	-	661
1955 - 1963	-	108
Total	961	952

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Smallpox vaccinations at County Clinis were discontinued during 1971.

TETANUS VACCINATION

	Under 5	5 - 15	Total
Primary:	4	60	64
Reinforcing:	3	41	44

SCABIES TREATMENT

The number of cases and family contacts treated in the last ten years are as follows:-

1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	6	Nil	1	Nil

BUG INFESTATION

Thirty infested houses were dealt with during 1971 and the figures for the previous nine years are as follows:-

1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
25	21	30	5	6	12	3	7	7

CANCER

YEAR	DEATHS 1962 - 1971			DEATH RATE PER 1,000 PERSONS LIVING
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	
1962	52	43	93	1.82
1963	48	51	99	1.91
1964	65	43	108	2.06
1965	66	44	110	2.06
1966	80	61	141	2.60
1967	53	53	106	1.92
1968	63	50	113	2.03
1969	79	45	124	2.22
1970	74	60	134	2.19
1971	58	58	116	2.08

CANCER MORTALITY ACCORDING TO AGE AND SITE

SITE	1 - 5		5 - 15		15 - 25		25 - 45		45 - 65		65+		TOTAL	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	4	9	9	9
Lung, Bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	3	11	7	21	10
Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	9	-	13
Uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2
Other	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	5	2	5	9	12	13

CANCER MORTALITY 1962 - 1971

LUNG AND BRONCHUS: BREAST AND UTERUS

YEAR	LUNG AND BRONCHUS		BREAST AND UTERUS
	M.	F.	
1962	17	2	11
1963	13	5	18
1964	23	2	8
1965	22	6	13
1966	34	7	17
1967	20	6	15
1968	23	5	14
1969	32	4	12
1970	28	7	19
1971	21	10	15

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1971

AGE	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY		PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65+	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	1	3	-	1	-	-	-

Four patients on the T.B. Register died from causes other than Tuberculosis.

		PULMONARY T.B.		NON-PULMONARY T.B.	
		NOTIFIED	DIED	NOTIFIED	DIED
Average for the preceding 5 years	.. ..	11.6	0.6	3.4	0.2
1971	.. ..	4	1	1	-

TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFICATIONS. DEATHS AND DEATH RATES 1962 - 1971

YEAR	PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS			NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS		
	NOTIFICATIONS	DEATHS	DEATH RATE	NOTIFICATIONS	DEATHS	DEATH RATE
1962	27	3	0.059	1	-	-
1963	12	7	0.13	5	-	-
1964	10	1	0.019	2	-	-
1965	13	1	0.018	2	1	0.018
1966	11	1	0.018	5	-	-
1967	16	1	0.018	4	-	-
1968	6	-	-	3	-	-
1969	18	-	-	3	1	0.017
1970	7	1	-	2	-	-
1971	4	1	-	3	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

YEAR	PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS			NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS		
	NO. ON REGISTER AT 31st DECEMBER	DEATHS DURING YEAR	DEATHS % OF NUMBER ON REGISTER	NO. ON REGISTER AT 31st DECEMBER	DEATHS DURING YEAR	DEATHS % OF NUMBER ON REGISTER
1962	255	3	1.17	45	-	-
1963	241	7	2.90	44	-	-
1964	244	1	0.41	44	-	-
1965	225	1	0.44	42	1	2.38
1966	203	1	0.49	45	-	-
1967	188	1	0.53	44	-	-
1968	164	-	-	43	-	-
1969	156	-	-	42	-	-
1970	141	1	0.79	41	-	-
1971	132	1	0.76	41	-	-
Average for the 5 years 1935-39	118	21	17.8	62	4	6.5

At the 31st December, 1971 there was a total of 173 cases of Tuberculosis on the Register.

The following information has been kindly supplied by the Consultant Chest Physician for this District:-

PARTICULARS OF THE PATIENTS FROM THE ROCHESTER DISTRICT (INCLUDING INWARD TRANSFERS) WHO WERE DEALT WITH AT THE ROCHESTER CHEST CLINIC DURING 1971.

NEW PATIENTS	PULMONARY				NON-PULMONARY				TOTAL			
	ADULTS		CHILDREN		ADULTS		CHILDREN		ADULTS		CHILDREN	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M	F	M	F.
Defined T.B.	2	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	3	1	1	-
Defined Non T.B.												
											All Ages 249	

Total attendances 707

VENEREAL DISEASES

Sessions are held at the Special Clinic 36 New Road, Rochester, on Mondays from 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and on other days by appointment. This information is made known by means of posters and leaflets, through the Public and Port Health Departments, Doctors, Nurses and other Clinics.

The Clinic serves a considerable area and is conducted by C.D. Routh Esq., M.D. who has kindly supplied the following information for 1971.

NEW PATIENTS ROCHESTER

Syphilis	2
Gonorrhoea	38
Other Venereal conditions	99
Total number of new cases	
attending Clinic from Rochester area ..	145

1971 ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION OBSERVATIONS ROCHESTER

DEPOSITS IN MILLIGRAMMES PER SQUARE METRE PER DAY													
MONTH	RAINFALL DURING MONTH m.m	PREVAILING WIND	UNDISSOLVED MATTER	DISSOLVED MATTER	TOTAL SOLIDS	UNDISSOLVED MATTER			DISSOLVED MATTER				
						SOLUBLE IN CARBON BISULPHIDE	ASH	CALCIUM	CALCIUM	CHLORIDES	SULPHATES	pH VALUE	
JANUARY	59.52	S to W	85.7	172.6	STROOD 258.4	0.2	66.8	1.3	32.5	16.8	66.2	6.2	
FEBRUARY	39.76	W to N	132.4	416.6	549.0	0.8	100.8	11.0	100.0	65.7	56.0	7.4	
MARCH	40.92	W to N	51.4	101.8	153.2	0.4	39.2	0.8	16.2	8.8	33.6	6.1	
APRIL	35.84	N to E	65.0	73.7	136.7	0.7	48.3	0.4	13.7	4.2	35.1	5.5	
MAY	52.08	N to E	67.5	117.2	184.6	0.6	48.4	1.4	20.2	4.0	48.7	6.1	
JUNE	118.50	S to W	68.9	110.0	178.9	1.0	48.4	0.6	14.8	4.9	40.6	5.0	
JULY	18.78	E to S	70.1	91.7	161.9	1.0	51.9	1.8	18.6	3.1	27.3	7.3	
AUGUST	51.30	S to W	54.1	111.6	165.8	0.5	38.5	1.9	21.1	5.4	33.6	7.1	
SEPTEMBER	11.40	S to W	62.8	92.2	155.0	1.2	52.6	1.7	17.4	3.9	32.8	7.3	
OCTOBER	49.91	S to W	40.6	146.2	186.8	0.1	31.5	1.2	28.4	15.9	53.5	6.7	
NOVEMBER	40.50	S to W	66.1	114.3	180.4	0.4	53.0	1.2	20.2	11.4	47.1	6.5	
DECEMBER	69.30	S to W	139.6	660.5	800.0	0.5	104.4	22.8	169.2	64.0	50.4	8.2	
JANUARY	60.97	S to W	77.3	92.2	FORT PITT SCHOOL								
FEBRUARY	20.16	W to N	73.0	71.7	144.7	0.6	52.6	0.9	12.8	7.2	26.9	6.4	
MARCH	47.74	W to N	96.4	19.3	218.3	1.0	71.9	1.7	19.3	12.6	40.3	6.2	
APRIL	39.36	N to E	59.3	53.1	112.4	0.9	43.3	0.6	9.3	4.3	22.5	5.4	
MAY	57.04	N to E	71.5	82.4	153.9	1.0	44.3	1.2	11.5	3.6	32.4	3.2	
JUNE	126.00	S to W	68.3	117.8	186.1	1.6	41.4	0.3	10.5	6.2	40.2	4.6	
JULY	18.78	E to S	75.3	67.3	142.6	1.1	42.9	2.4	9.0	3.0	19.1	6.6	
AUGUST	42.30	S to W	40.1	61.3	101.4	0.4	24.9	1.3	8.3	2.8	21.3	6.5	
SEPTEMBER	15.90	S to W	46.5	62.4	108.9	0.3	34.8	4.2	11.3	3.4	21.8	6.7	
OCTOBER	46.81	S to W	39.1	86.8	125.8	0.4	17.2	0.7	12.1	17.3	31.2	5.2	
NOVEMBER	44.70	S to W	70.2	108.2	178.4	1.0	51.4	1.5	17.1	11.4	40.0	6.5	
DECEMBER	26.73	S to W	45.0	92.9	137.9	0.6	32.2	0.8	14.7	13.4	33.4	6.0	

D. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER

The local Water Works are controlled by the Medway Water Board.

The water supply for the Strood area is on the North side of the River Medway and its source is from chalk wells in and around Strood.

The source of the supply for the rest of the City to the South of the River is from wells in the chalk and greensand in Chatham and the surrounding district.

Both supplies are chlorinated and have been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

45 samples of treated water i.e., 22 from the Strood supply and 23 from the Chatham supply were sent to the Public Health Laboratory for Bacteriological examination. Also at monthly intervals, samples of the raw and treated water were bacteriologically examined at the Medway Water Board's Laboratory and copies of the results forwarded to the Medical Officer of Health. All samples were satisfactory.

There are 18,390 dwelling houses and a population of 55,700 supplied from public water mains direct to the houses.

Extensions to water mains by the Medway Water Board:-

Rede Court Road	365 yards	4"
Hawthorn Road	266 "	4"
Darnley Road	40 "	4"
Brompton Farm Road	179 "	4"
Tamar Drive	54 "	4"
Mount Road	267 "	4"
Marlowe Park	497 "	4"
Watling Street/Gravesend Road	10 "	6"
Rede Court Road	213 "	6"
Darnley Road	16 "	6"
Mount Road	15 "	6"
Hoopers Road	80 "	6"
Delce Road	225 "	8"
Darnley Road	27 "	9"

SWIMMING POOL

This is a 200,000 gallon open-air pool owned by the Local Authority. It is filled from the town's drinking supply and the water is changed regularly once a year and at other times when considered necessary; it is topped up as required, usually after back flushing. The water is chlorinated and a Patterson Filtration plant (pressure type) is in use. Alum and Soda Ash are used to form a coagulent and to increase the alkalinity. A daily check is made for residual chlorine content and pH value, using a Lovibond Comparator, 12 samples were taken for bacteriological examination, and all were satisfactory. A total of 56 visits were made to the pool during the season.

In addition 21 samples were taken from school swimming pools and on examination proved satisfactory.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

During the year 24 existing houses were connected to the sewer, 8 cesspools were abolished and 1 sewer was extended to serve a new housing site. 8 cesspools were abolished.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse collection and disposal is under the control of the City Surveyor and, at the present time, is collected once a week and dealt with by controlled tipping.

E. CAUSES OF DEATHS IN ROCHESTER

	M	F
All Causes	274	271
Late Effects of Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	-
Meningococcal Infection	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm - (a) Stomach	9	9
(b) Intestine	6	7
(c) Larynx	1	-
(d) Lung, bronchus	21	10
(e) Breast	-	13
(f) Uterus	-	2
(g) Prostate	3	-
(h) Leukaemia	3	2
(i) Other malignant neoplasms	12	13
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	3	2
Diabetes Mellitus	2	3
Other Endocrine etc., Diseases	1	1
Anaemias	1	2
Mental Disorders	1	1
Meningitis	1	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	5
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	2
Hypertensive Disease	10	10
Ischaemic Heart Disease	90	67
Other Forms of Heart Disease	6	19
Cerebrovascular Disease	29	36
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	10	11
Pneumonia	17	21
Bronchitis and Emphysema	17	5
Asthma	1	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	2
Peptic Ulcer	4	3
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	3	4
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	10
Other Complications of Pregnancy etc.,	-	1
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	-	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	2
Congenital Anomalies	2	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.,	2	2
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	1
All other Accidents	3	-
Population	55,700	

F. CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1971

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE CITY OF ROCHESTER

YOUR WORSHIP, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting my eighth annual report upon the environmental health services of the City for the year ended 31st December, 1971.

Housing

Three Closing Orders under the Housing Act, 1957, were placed on houses or parts of houses which were unfit for human habitation. In two cases also the dwellings did not comply with the City of Rochester Underground Room Regulations. Three houses were made fit and the respective Closing Orders determined.

Twenty-one houses were demolished and sites in Cuxton Road and Princes Street/Burritt Street are now clear of unfit houses and awaiting redevelopment.

There was a substantial increase in applications for Qualification Certificates which enable owners of tenanted houses to have fixed a 'fair' rent.

Little use is now made of the Certificate of Disrepair procedure under the Rent Act, 1968, and only one application was received.

Food Inspection and Hygiene

Inspections of the many varied types of food premises within the City continued during the year and advice was given on stock rotation and coding of food-stuffs, two very important aspects of shop hygiene and management.

Only three out of seventy-one samples of foodstuffs, which were taken for analysis, were reported as not up to standard and these cases were satisfactorily dealt with informally.

Atmospheric Pollution

In October the postponed Smoke Control Order No. 5 came into operation, making in all, over 12,000 dwellings and some two-thirds of the City within effective Smoke Control Orders. Consequently it is disappointing to report that following this fine achievement the smoke control programme slowed if not ceased altogether. The earlier difficulties over the supply of solid smokeless fuel and the new financial arrangement which made it necessary to look, with a more critical eye and balanced view of priority, at all the Council's many projects, caused postponement.

The smoke control programme has been the main factor in reducing low level pollution and should be continued at the earliest opportunity.

Working Conditions

Routine inspections were in the main the order of the day during the year because efforts in previous years have resulted in a degree of compliance which can be accepted as satisfactory under the relative Acts.

Particular attention was paid to the mechanical handling of goods and although no accidents of any consequence were investigated, care in the situation of rollers is always required.

Food slicing machines have always given concern and continuous advice has been offered to retailers, some of whom appeared to have a strong reluctance to use properly guarded machines - an attitude which must be corrected.

Disinfestation

There was an unexplained increase of nearly 50% in the number of verminous dwelling houses disinfected for bed-bugs and fleas but the number of complaints regarding rats and mice decreased. After consultation with the local office of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food it was agreed that it was not necessary this year to carry out a sewer treatment against rats.

I would like to express my appreciation for the help and assistance given me and the interest shown throughout the year by the Chairman and members of the Health Committee, Dr. McWilliams, my deputy Mr. Lane, members of the Health Department and colleagues in other Departments.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

T. BARLEY,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

COMPLAINTS

1,536 complaints were received in the Department during the year as compared to 1,350 in 1970 and 1,293 in 1969.

HOUSING

CLOSING ORDERS AND PART CLOSING ORDERS

17 Richard Street, Rochester.
Basement front room: 15 Langdon Road, Rochester.
Lower Ground Floor Flat: 149 Maidstone Road, Rochester.

HOUSES MADE FIT

Basement Flat	1 Woodstock Road, Strood	Closing Order Determined
Basement Flat	32 Maidstone Road, Rochester	Closing Order Determined
	20 Weston Road, Strood	Closing Order Determined

HOUSES DEMOLISHED

The following 21 houses were demolished during the year:-

75 - 89 Cuxton Road, Strood
70, 72, 74, 80 Grove Road, Strood
2 - 4 Burritt Street, Rochester
156, 158, 160, 164, 164A, 164B, 164C, 162 Delce Road, Rochester.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the area.

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS

The details of the various repairs and improvements which were carried out under the Inspectors' direction and supervision are as follows:-

Premises (existing) connected to foul water sewer	23
House drainage improved	4
Drains unstopped and cleansed	409
W.C. compartments and fittings repaired or cleansed	12
Sanitary fittings renewed or repaired	2
Cesspools abolished	8
Roofs repaired	26
Defective brickwork and pointing of brickwork repaired	14
Guttering or downpipes provided or repaired	13
Damp walls and ceilings remedied	12
Yard paving repaired	-
Defective floors repaired	3
Defective wall and ceiling plaster repaired	20
Ventilated food stores provided or improved	1
Lighting of room improved	-
Ventilation of rooms improved	-
Sub-floor ventilation	-
Defective fireplaces repaired or renewed	-
Defective doors and door frames repaired	10
Defective windows repaired (woodwork, glazing and sashcords)	20
Sanitary dustbins provided	-
Verminous rooms disinfected	159
Dirty houses cleansed	-
Other nuisances abated	15
Wasps nest destroyed	152
Miscellaneous improvements	12
Sanitary improvements under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 (details Page 29)	21
TOTAL	946

HOUSING ADVANCES AND IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Inspection of properties for these purposes was carried out, jointly with Building Inspectors from the City Surveyor's Department, as follows:-

Housing Advances	79
Improvement Grants	330

NOTICES SERVED

Informal Notices issued (written and verbal)	109
Informal Notices completed	88
Statutory Notices served	47
Statutory Notices completed:-	
(a) by owners or occupiers	13
(b) by Local Authority in default of owner or occupier	10
(Includes notices served in 1970 and completed in 1971)	

RENT ACT, 1968 CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR

1 application received under this Act in respect of 30 Elaine Avenue, Strood, and the required repairs were satisfactorily completed.

HOUSING ACT, 1969 - PART III
QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES

Improvement Cases.

Number of applications for qualification certificates under Section 44 (2) under consideration at end of period	191
Number of certificates of provisional approval issued	111
Number of qualification certificates issued under Section 46 (3)	23

Standard Amenities already provided.

Number of applications for qualification certificates under Section 44 (1)	102
Number of qualification certificates issued under Section 45 (2) in respect of:-	
(i) dwellings with rateable value of £90 or more in Greater London or of £60 or more elsewhere	5
(ii) dwellings with rateable value of £60 to less than £90 in Greater London or of £40 to less than £60 elsewhere	27
(iii) dwellings with rateable value of less than £60 in Greater London or less than £40 elsewhere	Nil

Exemption for Low-Income Tenants from Section 54

Number of certificates issued under Section 55	Nil
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VERMINOUS DWELLINGS

159 rooms in 65 houses were subjected to disinfestation i.e. Bugs - 30 houses; fleas - 35 houses.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

FOOD INSPECTION

The Inspectors paid 2,809 visits to the various premises, Mobile Shops, Market Stalls etc., associated with the production and sale of food.

FOOD CONDEMNED

The following food was found to be unfit for human consumption, condemned and under supervision disposed of by burying at the Corporation Tip.

	TONS	CWTS.	QRTS.	LBS.
Meat at retail shops	-	1	-	25
Cooked Meat and Meat Products including				
canned Meats	-	22	-	-
Fish	-	23	10	-
Fruit and Vegetables	-	36	10	9
Other Foods	-	25	3	8
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Total ..	5	13	-	14
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FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1970
FOOD PREMISES

Trade	Number of Premises	Number fitted to comply with Regulation 16	Number to which Regulation 19 applies	Number of Premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19
Bakers and Confectioners	16	16	16	16
Butchers	22	22	22	22
Cafes and Tea Bars	31	31	31	31
Canteens	68	68	68	68
Dairies	3	3	3	3
Fishmongers				
(Wet and Dried Fish only)	11	11	11	11
Fried Fish Shops	14	14	14	14
General Shops	32	32	32	32
Greengrocers	34	34	34	34
Grocers	61	61	61	61
Hotels	7	7	7	7
Licensed Premises	70	70	70	70
Mobile Shops	31	31	5	5
Mobile Refreshment Stalls	3	3	3	3
Sweet Shops	42	42	-	-
Food Processing Factories	3	3	3	3
Cook Shops (Chinese)	2	2	2	2
Delicatessen	4	4	4	4

IMPROVEMENTS TO FOOD PREMISES

Cleansed and Redecorated	4
Provision of hot water supply	6
Provision of cold water supply	3

Number of Food Premises registered under Section 146, Rochester Corporation Act, 1936:-

Manufacture of sausages and/or preserved food	17
Storage only of sausages and/or preserved food	120
Manufacture of Ice-Cream	3
Sale and Storage of Ice-Cream	132

POULTRY HYGIENE & INSPECTION

There are no poultry processing plants within the area.

LICENSING UNDER THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS, 1963.
AS AMENDED 1965

The number of retail dairies and distributors of milk in the area and the number of licences issued by the Rochester City Council under these Regulations were as follows:-

Number of dairies (excluding dairy farms)	1
Number of registered distributors (excluding distributors of sterilised milk only) with premises in the Area	93
Number of registered distributors of sterilised milk only (General Shops etc.)	7

Licences issued during 1971:-

Pasteurised Milk - Dealer's (Pasteuriser's) Licences	-
- Dealer's (Pre-Packed Milk) Licences	5
Sterilised Milk - Dealer's (Pre-Packed Milk) Licences	4
Ultra Heat Treated - Dealer's (Pre-Packed Milk) Licences	5

For the purposes of milk sampling and routine inspection of the premises, 289 visits were made.

SAMPLING
BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS
MILK

The following samples of milk were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for examination:-

Pasteurised: from the local pasteurising plant	7	
from supplies treated outside the area	86	93
Sterilised		-
Ultra Heat Treated		14

Results of Tests:-

	Pasteurised		Sterilised	Ultra Heat Treated
	Phosphatase	Methylene Blue	Turbidity	Colony Count
Satisfied	69	53	-	4
Failed	-	6	-	1
Void	1	11	-	1

Of the 93 samples of pasteurised milk, 3 were taken from vending machines and the results are as follows:-

Site	Phosphatase		Methylene Blue		Void
	Satisfied	Failed	Satisfied	Failed	
Vending Machines	3	-	3	-	-

Brucella Abortus

The sale of untreated (Farm bottled) milk in this area was discontinued in 1966.

WATER

45 samples of drinking water (Mains supplies) and 33 from swimming pools, were examined. Further details of water supplies are given on page 17.

ICE CREAM

Under the Rochester Corporation Act, 1936, there were 8 new registrations for storage and sale of ice-cream. The total number of premises and/or vendors registered is 129.

Ice-cream sold in Rochester is mainly manufactured outside the area but there are 3 manufacturers within the City whose long established businesses though small, are very well conducted and the ice-cream is of good quality.

46 samples from all supplies were examined and the results were:-

Grade I	41
Grade II	5
Grade III	-
Grade IV	-

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

103 samples (32 milk and 71 other foods) were sent to the Public Analyst.

All 32 milk samples were genuine.

Analysis for the 71 other samples showed 68 to be satisfactory but two samples of anchovy essence were found to contain prohibited colouring and the fatty portion of a "buttered" roll consisted entirely of margarine.

Complaints were received from the purchasers of the following goods and after investigation requisite action was taken where necessary.

Bread Roll
Brown loaf
Lettuce

THE LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS, 1963

No samples were submitted to the alpha-amylase test.

There are no egg pasteurising plants in the District and the three manufacturers of flour confectionery use fresh eggs only.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Factory inspection is greatly facilitated by the close liaison existing between H.M. Inspector of Factories and the Inspectors in this Department.

The Public Health Inspectors made 362 visits to factories and other work-places in the City and 31 visits to outworkers. Details are given in the following tables.

1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSE OF PROVISION AS TO HEALTH

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	229	275	8	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Excluding out-worker's premises)	42	84	2	Nil
Total	271	359	10	Nil

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars (1)	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND				Number Of Cases In which Prosecutions were Instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	2	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	5	9	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	4	3	-	-	-
TOTAL	10	15	-	-	-

OUTWORK

Nature of Works	SECTION 133		SECTION 134			
	No. of Outworkers in August list required By Sect. 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply Lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome Premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel (making etc.)	3	-	-	-	-	-
Curtains: and Furniture hangings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Packing small electric bulbs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tapestry work	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	-	-	-	-	-

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

There are no manufacturers of rag flock in the area and only one firm of upholsterers uses rag flock.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two licences to keep a pet shop were granted during the year.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949
RODENT CONTROL

For a number of years Warfarin has been the chief rodenticide used for the extermination of rats and mice and has proved highly effective but for the last three years alphakil has been used for mice infestation with equally good results.

Total number of properties inspected during the year	1371
(Inspectoral and Rodent Staff)	
Number of infestations found and treated Rats 175)	
Mice 301)	476
Sewers - Number of manholes baited	-
Number showing rat infestation	-
Total visits	2555

PIGEON CONTROL

In an endeavour to reduce the excessive number of feral pigeons to a reasonable proportion, and so obviate the nuisance they had become both to persons and buildings, the Staff responsible for Pest Control, made 34 visits to the main feeding and nesting sites within the City.

SUMMARY OF VISITS

STATUTE	TYPE	NO.
Public Health Act, 1936	Nuisances	469
	Drainage	575
	Water sampling	71
	Swimming pool	56
	Infectious Disease	151
	Suspected Verminous premises	118
	Flooding	19
	Revisits	644
	Miscellaneous	288
	Clearance Areas, demolition and	
Housing Act, 1957 & 1959	Closing Orders	99
	Repairs	22
	Houses in Multiple occupation	68
	Overcrowding	13
	Improvement Grants	330
	Housing Advances	79
	Housing Surveys	2
	Revisits	238
	Qualification certificates	459
	Certificates of disrepair	1
	Factories - Mechanical	275
	Non-mechanical	3
	Building sites	84
Rent Act, 1968 Factories Act, 1961	Outworkers	16
	Food Inspection	271
	Cafes, school kitchens and canteens	281
	Shops	558
	Licensed premises	209
	Ice-cream manufacture, storage	
	and sale	254
	Ice-cream registration	9
	Mobile shops	32
	Market Stalls	1,729
	Milk regulations	227
	Sampling	289
Food and Drugs Act, 1955	Food complaints	192
	Deposit gauges	41
	Smoke observations	158
	Smoke control areas	689
	Boiler House Inspections	144
	Miscellaneous	20
Clean Air Act, 1956		

SUMMARY OF VISITS (continued)

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	Rodent	345
Rochester Corporation Act, 1952	Registration of Hairdressers and Barbers	64
Noise Abatement Act, 1960	Investigations and surveys	209
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	General Inspections	426
	Revisits to Registered Premises	184
	Miscellaneous	184
Other miscellaneous visits not included above	.. .. .	261
	Total	10,857

G. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following tables give particulars of the premises registered; the general inspections and the total visits made under this Act in respect of registered premises.

TABLE A
REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Number of premises newly registered during the year	Total Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of Premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year
Offices	12	140	101
Retail Shops	41	265	306
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	9	8
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	8	45	10
Fuel storage depots	-	1	1
Totals	62	460	426

TABLE B
NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS (INCLUDING GENERAL INSPECTIONS)
TO REGISTERED PREMISES

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TABLE C
ANALYSIS BY WORKPLACE OF PERSONS EMPLOYED
IN REGISTERED PREMISES AT END OF YEAR

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	1,958
Retail Shops	1,929
Wholesale departments, warehouses	186
Catering establishments open to the public	283
Canteens	11
Fuel storage depots	12
Total	4,379
Total Males	1,664
Total Females	2,715

TABLE D. EXEMPTIONS
No applications were received for exemptions under Sections 5(2); 6; 9 and 10 (1).

TABLE E. PROSECUTIONS
There were no prosecutions during the year.

TABLE F. INSPECTORS
No. of inspectors appointed under Section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act 7
No. of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act Nil

ACCIDENTS.
Five accidents were notified and investigated during the year none was serious and there was no negligence on the part of the employers.

NOTICES.
Number of informal notices served 22
Number remedied 16

Matters Remedied under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 1971	
Abstracts of the Act displayed	1
First Aid boxes provided or supplemented	2
Thermometers provided	1
Hot Water Supply provided	-
Washing facilities provided (wasbasins, towels, etc.)	2
Sanitary conveniences provided	-
Sanitary conveniences marked "Male" and "Female"	1
Sanitary conveniences redecorated	1
Sanitary conveniences provided with artificial lighting	-
Means of heating provided or improved	1
Facilities for eating of meals provided	-
Rooms redecorated or cleansed	-
Ventilation of sanitary conveniences provided or improved	-
Handrails provided to staircase	1
Artificial lighting provided to staircases	-
Intervening ventilated space provided to sanitary conveniences	-
Seating facilities provided	-
Overcrowding abated	1
Ventilation of rooms improved	3
Floorboards repaired	1
Dampness in walls remedied	-
Miscellaneous	6
Artificial lighting of rooms improved	-
Total	21

H. MISCELLANEOUS

CONFERENCES ATTENDED BY STAFF

CONFERENCE	PLACE HELD	DATES	ATTENDED BY
Royal Society for Health	Eastbourne	20.4.71 - 22.4.71	Medical Officer of Health
Association of Public Health Inspectors	Eastbourne	1.9.71 - 6.9.71	Chief Public Health Inspector
Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene	Llandudno	27.9.71 - 1.10.71	Medical Officer of Health
National Society for Clean Air	Folkestone	1.11.71 - 5.11.71	Chief Public Health Inspector

COURSES ATTENDED BY STAFF

ORGANISING BODY	SUBJECT	PLACE	DATES	ATTENDED BY
Society of Medical Officers of Health	Symposium	London	25.3.71	Medical Officer of Health
Civil Defence	Civil Defence	Easingwold	22.3.71 - 26.3.71	Senior Public Health Inspector
Association of Public Health Inspectors	Week-end Seminar	Canterbury	26.3.71 - 28.3.71	2 District Public Health Inspectors
College for the Distributive Trades	Advances in Food Inspection	London	10.5.71 - 12.5.71	2 District Public Health Inspectors
			14.6.71 - 16.6.71	2 District Public Health Inspectors
	Community Medicine	Canterbury	7.10.71 - 27.1.72 (one afternoon each week)	Medical Officer of Health
Society of Medical Officers of Health	Refresher Course	London	29.10.71	Medical Officer of Health

